

## **Rainbow Housing Cooperative**

### **Board of Directors Environmental Policy**

AS A CO-OPERATIVE WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- To phase-in the exclusive use of 100% recycled, unbleached paper;
- The phase-out of the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer on co-operative property.
- The replacement of toxic cleaning solutions and painting materials with environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Participation in municipal and private recycling programs for fine paper, newsprint, aluminum, cardboard, plastic and glass.
- Using solar fixtures, fluorescent bulbs or LED lighting in place of incandescent lighting, in all common areas.
- During construction and renovation, the use of high-quality insulation material that will be long-lasting and will not jeopardize air quality.
- Servicing furnaces at regular intervals and replacing them with high-efficiency furnaces, as the Cooperative's capital reserve plan permits.
- Upgrading windows with double or triple-glazed or thermo pane glass for better temperature control and minimized energy use, as the Cooperative's capital reserve plan permits.
- Buying energy-efficient appliances when replacing stoves, fridges, washers and dryers, and especially air conditioners, that are the property of the co-operative.
- Replacing standard shower heads and toilets with low-flow shower heads and pressure-assisted toilets or other efficient water-saving models.
- Replacing the caulking along the baseboards and door and window frames of outside walls.
- Recycling outmoded electronic equipment, batteries, paint and other chemicals appropriately on a Coop wide or neighborhood basis.
- Reservation of existing trees where possible and the planting of additional trees on Cooperative property.
- The continued use of rain barrels for the purposes of conserving water.
- Over time, working to replace fossil fuels with alternative energy sources, where possible.